

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-11 and 14-20 will be pending and presented for examination. Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The specification has been amended to set forth the U.S. Patent Number for the parent case. Early action on the merits is respectfully requested. No new matter has been entered with the amendments to the claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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